

REMARKS

In response to the Examiner's Election of Species requirement, Applicant hereby elects the species of Species I (e.g., Group A) on which at least claims 1, 2 and 7-12 are readable, without traverse. Applicant reserves the opportunity to file Divisional Application for the non-elected species later.

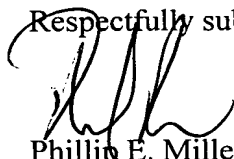
Applicant gratefully acknowledges the comments of the Examiner made during a teleconference with Applicant's undersigned representative on September 28, 2004. During this teleconference the Examiner indicated that the case would likely be placed in condition for immediate allowance if Applicant elected Species I (Group A) and amended the Abstract to reduce its length. Applicant submits that this Amendment complies with the Examiner's stated conditions and therefore, this case is in condition for immediate allowance.

Early, favorable prosecution on the merits is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

A conditional petition is made for any extension of time which may become necessary. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees for such extension and to credit any overpayment in fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

Respectfully submitted,


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